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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call From Admiral Donaldson, Dep. Director for Reconnaissance, JRC, at 1412 Hours, Thursday, 18 November 1971

1. Admiral Donaldson called on our green line for General Bevan at the above time of day. I accepted the call from Admiral Donaldson and the conversation went generally as follows:

Admiral Donaldson commented that the heat was really on from the White House with regard to China near-flights and overflights and how far all reconnaissance aircraft stay off the coast. He further stated that it had been reported to them yesterday that a "bird" had ventured well within the 25 mile limit, at one point within 5 miles of the coast and at another point within 4 miles of the coast. This information, he said, came to him [redacted]. He concluded by saying that as a result of this, all reconnaissance programs were in danger and that DOD had effected a 25 mile minimum limit even in the combat area.

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2. I responded that I would convey this information to General Bevan or his Deputy immediately and would not presume to comment on his remarks. I thanked him for his call.

3. I immediately contacted [redacted] in the Office of the General Counsel and relayed this information to him.

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